

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.


The present preliminary amendment is submitted to cancel the multiple dependencies in dependent claims 3 and 4. Further, the subject matter of the canceled multiple dependencies is now set forth in new dependent claims 5 and 6.

By the present preliminary amendment the original Abstract is also canceled and a new Abstract believed to be in more proper format under United States practice is submitted herein.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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--3. (Amended) The ceramic heater for heating a semiconductor wafer according to
[any of] claim 1 [or 2],

wherein said temperature-measuring means is a temperature-measuring element.

4. (Amended) The ceramic heater for heating a semiconductor wafer according to
[any of] claim 1 [or 2],

wherein said temperature-measuring means is a thermoviewer.

Claims 5 and 6 (New).

IN THE ABSTRACT

(New).--